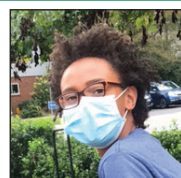


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A vibrant crowd gathers at the Blues Festival on Saturday, September 25. See story, page 12.

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Food Trucks and Financial Policies Occupy City Council

by Diane Oberg

In another marathon session lasting until nearly 1 a.m., the Greenbelt City Council at its September 13 regular meeting approved a staff recommendation for a one-time food truck event, adopted a set of financial policies aimed to strengthen its potential credit rating and approved a list of public sites for the posting of campaign signs.

Food Trucks

On a 6 to 1 vote with Councilmember Leta Mach opposed, council approved the staff proposal to organize a one-time, stand-alone food truck event. A

memo from Assistant Director of Recreation Andrew Phelan and Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins urged the city to take a “more deliberate approach” when introducing such an event.

Although council had suggested hosting a food truck event as part of the Fall Fest during its August 18 worksession, Phelan explained that Fall Fest already draws a large crowd and could create capacity issues if the food trucks attracted additional

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Kyla Tries a Volksmarch, Explores Greenbelt, Makes New Friends

by Kyla Hanington

I was excited to learn that there was a group in Greenbelt entirely devoted to walking, having recently decided that I am pretty much the walkiest. The Greater Greenbelt Volkssport Association, has been in existence for over 34 years and, even though I’ve been in existence for over 47 years, I hadn’t before been aware of them. Given that it was obvious to me this is a group I should get to know, I sent them an email and asked if we could connect and take a walk together.

“Sure,” came the quick and friendly reply. “Would you like to do a 5k or a 10k walk?”

“Yeah, so, obviously we haven’t met yet,” I said. “I will definitely be doing the 5k.”

They let me know they had a formal event coming up that Wednesday and invited me to join them, so I trotted, and by trotted I mean I drove, down to the rallying place by the Commu-

nity Center Wednesday evening. There I met mother-daughter team Pat Astill and Yvonne Pennington, club secretary and president, respectively, who staffed the check-in table.

I learned a lot about
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What Goes On

Monday, October 4

Last Day to Register for City Elections

8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Police Reform

Wednesday, October 6

8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Verde at Greenbelt Station (Stakeholder)

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Council Candidates Running for Office

Ten certified city council candidates are running for seven seats on the Greenbelt City Council. On September 27, the candidates drew numbers for placement on the November ballot, as well as numbers for placement of their campaign signs.

The candidates, in the order they will appear on the ballot are:

Brandon Ric Gordon
Rodney Roberts
Alexander Zajac
Judith Davis
Matthew Inzeo
Colin Byrd
Silke Pope
William Orleans
Emmett Jordan
Kristen Weaver.

The candidates’ biographies have been running in the order of their certification by the city. They will answer questions from the newspaper starting next week.

Election 2021

The Last Six Candidates Have Now Filed and Been Certified

Challenger Alex Zajac and incumbent Judith Davis are among the final six candidates to complete their nomination forms now certified by City Clerk Bonita Anderson and have sent their biographies to the News Review. The others are incumbents Emmett Jordan, Colin Byrd and Rodney Roberts and challenger William Orleans.

Biographies are published in the order they are certified and received by this newspaper.

Alex Zajac

Alex Zajac moved to Greenbelt with his wife Michelle in 2016 after completing his undergraduate studies in physics and government and pursuing his law degree at Georgetown University. The newlyweds were immediately drawn to the city: the neighbors were friendly, the amenities were top-tier, and the history was captivating. They quickly went all-in on its unique identity – becoming members of the local Co-op and the Old Greenbelt Theatre and recently joining the New Deal Café in support of its new partnership with the Co-op. Alex can often be spotted around town picking up groceries, supporting local vendors at the Greenbelt Farmers Market, enjoying a cup of coffee and the week’s Greenbelt News Review, or getting a haircut in Roosevelt Center.

Although he has long been an avid writer of letters to local and state politicians on various policy issues, Alex has never aspired to be a politician. He has come to believe, however, that Greenbelt deserves a higher caliber of local representation. This great city is in dire need of a representative who is an attentive listener; a representative who is willing to engage with, debate and fight for the issues that the people of Greenbelt are passionate about; and most importantly, a representative who can do all of this with grace and candor. Alex humbly seeks the permission of the great residents of Greenbelt to be that representative.

In his professional life, Alex works as a patent attorney, and he wants to use his experience with the legal system and his background in scientific research to help draft evidence-based, legally sound policies for the city that address the concerns of everyday citizens – concerns like reliable public transportation, clean parks, safe streets, timely trash collection and functional sidewalks. He knows that the most important issues to Greenbelt residents are not national- or state-level political spats but rather day-to-day matters that directly impact the community. The Prince George’s County logo may be Semper Eadem (“ever the same”), but Alex is looking to the future, fighting for a city council that listens to residents and working to usher in a new era of Greenbelt City Council representatives who are more responsive to residents’ needs.

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Alex Zajac

PHOTO COURTESY ALEX ZAJAC



City Council candidates gather in Council Chambers on Monday, September 27 to draw names for ballot order. Shown are, from left, Bill Orleans, Emmett Jordan, Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Ric Gordon, Colin Byrd, Silke Pope, Matthew Inzeo and Kristen Weaver. Alex Zajac is not pictured.

PHOTO BY SCOTT CRAWFORD

Letters to the Editor

Proposes Cat Café

Each day, for about an hour, between 8 and 11 a.m., Ms. Cat and I hang out near the New Deal Café, while I have delicious Café coffee. Nearly everybody who sees Ms. Cat adores her and is curious about her. That’s why I believe that a cat café here in Greenbelt Town Center would do well. Such a café, Crumbs and Whiskers, already exists in D.C. in Georgetown, and searches of other cities and countries tend to bring enrichment for cat lovers. Customers pay a fee for an hour among a dozen adoptable cats, while they do their homework, study or just pet cats. They order food and drink which is brought in from across the street.

Bill Norwood



Bill Norwood and Ms. Cat



My Beloved Greenbelt Theater Is No More

Well for me that is. See, I am not vaccinated.

Patrick Oberman

Better Safe Than Sorry

My heart burst with pride upon seeing that the Old Greenbelt Theatre now requires proof of vaccination or a full PCR test to gain entry, even though not yet required by law. Unfortunately they may lose some business over this but better to put health and safety over profits. Now let’s show the right spirit by putting back those delightful posters with masked Greenbelters on them, but this time with the addition of a vaccine syringe to make things even safer. And don’t forget: we’re all in this together!

Trudy Croyeur

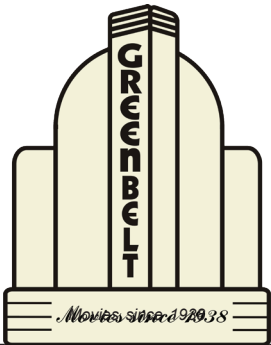
County Offering Free Flu Vaccine Clinics

County health leaders are holding a series of flu shot clinics, offering free shots to residents. The next clinic will be held on Thursday, October 7 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 1 to 7 p.m. No appointments are needed for these walk-up clinics.

With many focused on rising cases of Covid-19, it’s easy to overlook the oncoming flu season, but Prince George’s County health officials are emphasizing the importance of flu shots. “Don’t forget about it because flu is not going anywhere,” said Diane Young, an associate director with the county’s health department.



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(1935)(99 mins)

Mon. 1:00 PM



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Apartments Coming

For Greenbelt residents who do not travel down Cherrywood Lane very often, they may not be aware of the large apartment complex nearing completion there. Motiva Apartments is being constructed at the intersection of Ivy Lane and Cherrywood Lane between the Beltway and the Federal Courthouse. The two-building 5-story complex is slated to be completed in early 2022. It will contain approximately 530 units, adding to the number of Greenbelters residing on the West side of the city. According to their website, the apartment complex is slated to include a pool, car charging stations, a fitness center, as well as a dog park and pet spa.

Judy Walsh-Mellet (facing audience, back to camera) of Mount Rainier shares experiences, tips and wisdom for preparing for a fall and spring garden at a CHEARS event on Saturday, September 11 at the Three Sisters Garden by the Community Center.

Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library has expanded its hours of operation this week, to include two nights of evening hours and Sunday afternoon hours. The library is now open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Study rooms are open; meeting rooms are now available to the public by reservation. Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at pgcmpls.info/reopening or by calling 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments.

Storytimes Are Back

Ready 2 Read Storytime. Wednesday, October 6, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m., limit 15 people. Thursday, October 7, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 people. Come for stories, songs, finger plays, and more. Pick up a ticket at the Information Desk. The sessions will be held outdoors by the upper-level entrance.

Learning Resources

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, live tutoring in Spanish and English from 2 to 11:55 p.m. daily, tests and more, available year-round.

ABCmouse helps young children build a strong academic foundation, with more than 10,000 learning activities in reading, math, science, social studies, art and music.

Novelist K-8 Plus helps readers find read-alikes, genre-specific books, nonfiction titles and more.

The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO Learning-Express online resource. Check pgcmpls.info/events regularly for related programming.

Pop-up at The SPACE

A new pop-up location, with a diverse, multi-lingual collection for children ages 5 to 12 of more than 100 items, will permanently be at The Space in Beltway Plaza, courtesy of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System. The non-circulating seed collection approach will be similar to both the successful Books for Barbershops program and Little Free Library movement. Two laptops with peripherals were purchased to permanently be at The Space to provide critical digital access to this community and should be installed soon; The Space offers free Wi-Fi care of a local ongoing grant. The Space, located in Beltway Plaza next to the AMC Theater, is open Mondays through Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 7 p.m.

Mobile Printing

The library offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black-and-white pages are free. More information is available at pgcmpls.info/mobile-printing. Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Use the online curbside booking form.



GIVES Needs People To Help Deliver Food

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) helps the City of Greenbelt by recruiting volunteers to deliver food from the food bank to people who are unable to pick it up themselves. This occurs every third Thursday of the month. The next delivery will take place on October 21.

GIVES is in need of a volunteer team of two members to deliver food to Greenbelt East. The teams meet at 12:30 p.m. to pick up the food at the Community Center. Delivery time usually takes about an hour.

Anyone interested should notify the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 or givesoffice@gmail.com. All who participate receive credit from GIVES for the time spent.

Decluttering Donation Drive Oct. 23 and 24

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC) is accepting decluttering donations at the church from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 23 and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 24.

Soft goods (such as clothing and bedding) should be placed in 30-gallon plastic bags. Hard goods, though not as desirable, are accepted and should fit into boxes if possible. GCC will load a trailer and take all donations to Value Village thrift stores. The stores would like advance warning of the number of bags being delivered. Email Gwen Vaccaro at givaccaro@gmail.com with the number of bags you plan to donate. Money earned will go to the charities supported by the church, including Greenbelt CARES. Donation receipts are available.

Crazy Quilt Festival In Roosevelt Center

The Crazy Quilt Music Festival will take place in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, October 9 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. This free outdoor music festival will feature a Community Drum Circle with Katy Gaughan and Friends, Proverbs Reggae Band, Tower Green, Greg Meyer Project, The Wharf Rats and The Goodfellas. Crazy Quilt Music Festival is sponsored by New Deal Café, Friends of New Deal Café Arts and the City of Greenbelt. Bring a chair and dancing shoes and spend the day listening to great music. For more information visit newdealcafe.com.

GIVES Seeks Yard Work Volunteers

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is a volunteer organization that helps Greenbelters who need assistance, mainly senior citizens, to live independently in their own homes. Services provided include yard work, transportation to medical and other appointments, shopping and errands, home repairs, respite care and some housekeeping. More information can be found at givesgreenbelt.org/. Volunteers are needed who are willing to do yard work – raking leaves, weeding and mowing. If interested in helping to provide this service to people who need help, please email givesoffice@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

Rec Arts Program Has Gallery Open House

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program is hosting an in-person Art Studio and Gallery Open House on Sunday, October 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit with the Community Center’s artists in residence plus additional guest artists. Shop for original fine arts and functional wares. Also visit the new exhibit, Stories My Father Told Me, in the Art Gallery; meet featured artist Helen Zughaib during the first half of the event. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. Enter via the historic front entrance facing Crescent Road. Masks are required and guests will undergo a quick health screening on entry. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation.



PHOTO BY GINA DENN

Octopus sculpture by artist Gina Denn, who will be participating in the October 3 Open House

Dracula Radio Play Auditions at GAC

Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on Saturday, October 2 and Monday, October 4 for October’s Old-Time Radio Play: Dracula. Audition slots can be arranged by signing up before Thursday, September 30 through a link on the website greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions.

Although the actors do appear in the video, these are radio plays and casting will be done based on vocal sound instead of age or appearance. Participation is entirely virtual.

More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available at greenbeltartscenter.org.

Tour of Solar Homes Virtual this Year

The National Tour of Solar and Green Homes sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society and its Mid-Atlantic Solar Energy Society local chapter, returns this weekend, October 2 and 3, after a year hiatus due to the pandemic. Some homeowners across the country are opening their homes to visitors. Others are being more cautious and doing virtual tours, and some are doing both with a hybrid approach. This year, two Greenbelt green homes will be on the tour virtually.

To see which homes are participating, and what sustainable features they have, visit the website at nationalsolartour.org. To check out the Lakeside Greenbelt homes on the tour click on the tour map on the web page, then click on the “City” button and in the search box type in “Greenbelt.” Virtual Solar Sites will go live on October 2 and show more photos, videos and information about solar and sustainable living.

Woodlands Committee Hosts Fall GHI Event

On Saturday, October 9 starting at 11 a.m. outside at the GHI office at 1 Hamilton Place, the GHI Woodlands Committee will host its annual Plant Swap and Scavenger Hunt.

Gardeners should take stock by harvesting some seeds, dividing perennials and evaluating the blank spaces in their gardens to prepare for the swap. Bring along excess plants, divisions, seedlings, seeds and bulbs to the Plant Swap and prepare to pick up some new plants. Include a card with a description of each donated plant. Donors can bring surplus tools that are in good working condition, gardening books, magazines, garden ornaments and anything else garden-related.

Do not bring houseplants or invasive species such as English ivy, pachysandra, periwinkle or Rose of Sharon. Large objects that are not traded get to go back home with their respective donors.

Set up will begin at 11 a.m. Participants can start the Swap with a “tour” of the available plants at 11:15. After that, everyone will get a turn to pick out a plant or gardening miscellany until everything is gone. Participants will go around the tables in one direction, maintaining 6’ distance.

New gardeners and those who don’t have anything for the Plant Swap can always garner a few tips as well as pick up some plants.

Also back this year is the Scavenger Hunt. This Scavenger Hunt is a fun and engaging outdoor family activity that attendees can take home and do on their own. Use the laminated reusable sheets to look for nature items on walks around Greenbelt throughout the seasons. There are scavenger hunt handouts suitable for young readers and another for more advanced readers.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Radio Play: Boston’s Lone Wolf Terror

Greenbelt Arts Center has posted September’s installment of their Old-Time Radio Play series, Sterling Detective: Boston’s Lone Wolf Terror, directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell. The video can be viewed through a link on the website at greenbeltartscenter.org/.

In the play, the audience is left wondering, “Is it Johnny Dollar? The Green Hornet? Or maybe Mighty Mouse?” as it tells the story of a suave gentleman burglar having fun rather uniquely in Boston. It features actors Dan MacMillan, Sarah Kezman, Tricia Pissarra, Jeff Poretsky, Jo Rake and Nyah Clay.

More information and recordings of previous radio plays are available at the website. October’s show will be Dracula, posted in time for Halloween.

Voter Registration Block Party

A Community Voter Registration Block Party will be held on Sunday, October 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be live music, arts and food at a socially distanced event at Beltway Plaza in the rear parking lot behind Target. Featured are Moechella Long Live GoGo’s TOB Band & Show, Ace Ono, Deborah Bond, Good To The Bone, Strib’ble Treats, and Art Mural with Shaymar Higgs.

Astronomical Society To Meet Sept. 30

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold their September meeting on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30. The speaker will be Dr. Tim Hamilton, professor of natural sciences at Shawnee State University, who will speak on the topic Using Gravitational Lenses as Natural Telescopes. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be posted on the Astronomical Society website, greenbeltastro.org, before the meeting.



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Obituaries

Denise Parker



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Denise Parker

Denise R. Parker died on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. She was the wife of Lou Parker. The couple worked next door to each other for many years – she for Realty One and he as the proprietor of Chef Lou’s Desserts.

Mrs. Parker will be remembered at a Celebration of Life service on Monday, October 4, 10 a.m., at Way of the Cross Church of Christ, 1800 Hazelwood Drive, Capitol Heights.

A second service will be held on Sunday, October 10, at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Marilyn Maryn Spiegel

Marilyn (Masha) Maryn Spiegel, Greenbelt pioneer, died on September 17, 2021, in West Palm Beach, Fla., at the age of 93. She had recently returned to Florida after living in Kensington. Masha, as she was known by her friends, kept up with her friends in Greenbelt and would appear at important city anniversaries. She was a member of the Greenbelt Cooperator as a student. A letter Marilyn sent to the Cooperator as a 10-year-old fourth grader was published in the December 8, 1937, issue with the headline This Child’s Letter Should Please Rex Tugwell.

She is survived by her sons Leonard (Sandy) and Martin Spiegel and daughter Leila (Paul) Costantino. She was predeceased by her husband Harry Spiegel and brother David Maryn and his wife Sonja.

A graveside service was held on September 23 at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Adelphi, Md.

Mowatt Hosts Annual Blessing of Animals

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church (MMUMC) invites the community to join in its annual Blessing of the Animals Service to be held on the church lawn Monday, October 4, promptly at 6:30 p.m. Reverend Evelyn Rivera will officiate. St. Francis of Assisi was a renowned animal lover of the 13th century. However, it is thought that the animal blessing tradition actually dates back to the 4th century with St. Anthony of the Desert.

Attendees should make sure their animal friend is safely and comfortably transported back and forth to the event and has water and food available. Bring dogs on a leash and cats or other pets in a carrier. Make sure your dog or cat is wearing a collar with current identification information.

No matter how much of an “angel” any pet is at home, it must be properly restrained so there are no apocalyptic battles. Do not bring pets that are not people- or animal-friendly or that will be frightened.

Those who don’t have a live animal in their household are welcome to have children bring Teddy bears or other toy animals. Those who would like to simply bring a photo of their pet will be gladly welcomed. If a pet isn’t able to attend, the photo will be blessed.

Donations for MMUMC will be gladly accepted. Masks are recommended and social distancing is encouraged.

The church is located at 40 Ridge Road. Call 301-474-9410 for further information or visit the website at greenbeltumc.org.



City Notes

Public Works hung banners, installed the stage and delivered tables to Roosevelt Center for the Blues Festival held on Saturday, September 25.

After welcoming a neglected cat and releasing a ball python to specialized care, the Animal Shelter hosts four dogs, five cats, a kitten and a rabbit.

Horticulture/Parks planted fall annuals and removed storm-damaged trees and limbs. Refuse/Recycling collected 27.93 tons of refuse and 11.68 tons of recyclables, and Sustainability/Environmental collected trash after a Greenbelt Station event. Code Enforcement attended court regarding illegal dumping at Northway Field.

The Art Gallery’s exhibition now includes online audio content. Arts staff adjusted management of pottery clay inventories due to supply chain issues.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted a Golden Age Zoom meeting and delivered frozen meals to 31 seniors. GAIL’s monthly produce distribution served 347 individuals including 140 seniors, 68 minors and 11 veterans.

Park rangers delivered supplies for Art Adventures, Springhill Lake Elementary’s after-school art program.



We were sorry to hear of the death of Greenbelt pioneer Marilyn (Masha) Maryn Spiegel on September 17 in West Palm Beach, Fla., at the age of 93.

A fond farewell to avid reader Rachel Glick, who is moving back to her native Israel next week after living in Greenbelt for nearly 47 years.

Robert and Sylvia Lewis became great-grandparents, Monday, September 27. The baby was born in Springfield, Mass., and is the daughter of Kelsey Strouse and Andrew Litwin. Maternal grandparents are Janet Lewis (ERHS 1978) and Wayne Strouse. Drew Lewis (ERHS 1980) is her great-uncle. The naming ceremony will be Zoomed when it is held in a few days.

Congratulations to music producer James McKinney who accepted a part-time position at Drexel University in the music industry program.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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The Doctrine Of Discovery: Its Impact On Indigenous People And The Role Of Unitarian Universalists

Carol Carter Walker, Margaret McLellan with Worship Associate Tricia Most

We launch our October worship theme of Rootedness with an exploration of uprootedness. The Doctrine of Discovery is a principle of international law dating from a 15th century papal decree that sanctioned and promoted the conquest, colonization, and exploitation of non-Christian territories and peoples around the world. This service will explore Unitarian Universalists’ role in implementing this doctrine in its running of Indian Boarding Schools and in some more recent practices.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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Fire Prevention Week Safety Suggestions



Fire Prevention Week, October 3 through 9, offers a yearly reminder to check and make sure homes are safe from fire and carbon monoxide hazards. The National Fire Protection Association offers free education materials at nfpa.org/Public-Education.

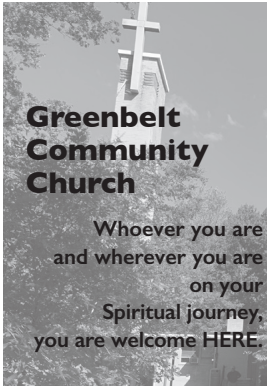
The Bible Says...

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.”

Jesus
Matthew 5:16



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
MCFcc.org



Greenbelt Community Church

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This Sunday’s Sermon on Facebook Live Sunday at 10:15

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www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

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 - Sat vigil 5pm*
 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm – 4pm.

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 4–8

Monday, October 4 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – RE: POLICE REFORM**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Discussion of Oct 4 Council Meeting on the Police Reform Recommendations, Roadside Signage Clutter and Its Effect on the Visibility of Emergency or Safety Related Signs

Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2021, Staff Update on the Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) Zone, Staff Update on the Greenbelt Road Community Walk, New Business, Adjourn

Wednesday, October 6 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – RE: VERDE AT GREENBELT STATION (STAKEHOLDER)**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday, October 7 at 6:00pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, 2021 Election Status Update, In-Person Training (E-Poll Books), Other Business

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION VOTER REGISTRATION

To vote in the City Council election on November 2, 2021, you must be a qualified Greenbelt voter by October 4.

For information about registering to vote in Prince George’s County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300. Forms for voter registration and address and name change are available for pick-up by appointment at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Please contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or elections@greenbeltmd.gov to request forms.

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30pm, Monday, October 4, 2021.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Election
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

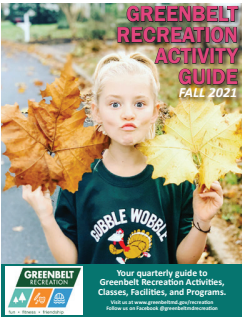
FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY FUTSAL – FREE!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
Fridays, 7:00pm–9:00pm

Futsal is the FIFA-recognized form of five-a-side (4v4 plus a goalie) indoor soccer. Outdoor soccer players around the globe play to refine and maintain their control skills and touch.

Questions? Contact 240-542-2189.

Fall Activity Guide Now Available Online!



Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

For more information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or call 301-397-2200.



BE PREPARED! FLU SEASON IS COMING.

Get your free flu shot:

**Thursday, October 7
1:00pm–7:00pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center**

**Tuesday, October 12
11:00am–5:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center**

Phone lines open on Monday, September 13. Call 240-542-2033 to register! Vaccines available for adults and children 6 months and older.

GREENBELT VIRTUAL BUSINESS COFFEE

Wednesday,
October 6,
10:00am–11:30am

Register at
<https://fall-2021-business-coffee.eventbrite.com>



DRIVE-THRU CAREGIVER RESOURCE FAIR Dementia Friendly America, Northern Prince George’s County, MD Sector Thursday, October 14, 10:00am–12:00pm Greenbelt Community Center

Caregivers, are you looking for more resources? With many providers participating, you will surely find helpful information here.

To register, call 240-542-2033 or register online at:
<https://forms.gle/eNYB9GFjMxAqb4es8>



TEEN TAKEOVER! Every Friday from 6:30pm–8:30pm, starting on October 1 Youth Center Gym

Enjoy organized group activities like handball, kickball, or dodgeball!

Ages 13–17, free with membership. Masks required.

No registration required. Contact AJ Sesay at 240-542-2198 with questions.



Greenbelt Studio and Gallery Open House

Sunday, October 3,
1:00pm–4:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Road.
Masks required.

Visit with the Center’s Artists in Residence and additional community artists. Shop for fine arts and functional wares.

See the new exhibition in the art gallery: *Stories My Father Told Me: The Art of Helen Zughuib*. Meet the artist during the first half of the event.

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PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN HISTORIC GREENBELT



Does your pre-school aged child enjoy helping you cook, like exploring, and love to learn? Then check out Greenbelt Recreation’s pre-school programs Mom’s Morning Out and Pre-School Enrichment and Fun. Mom’s Morning Out is a licensed traditional pre-school program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. The Pre-School Enrichment and Fun program focuses on group games, sports skills, cooking classes, nature walks, science experiments, and much more. Both programs have a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way!

For more information,
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Judith F. Davis

Judith F. “J” Davis is in her 14th term on council. Currently serving as councilmember, J formerly was mayor for 16 years, Greenbelt’s longest continuously serving mayor, and mayor pro tem for eight years. Prior to her election to council, she was appointed to the Advisory Planning Board for 10 years and was chair for four. Recently, J was appointed to the county’s Commission for Women and to the Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission.

After moving to Greenbelt in 1975, J became active in local affairs. A Greenbriar condominium owner, she served on Phase I’s board of directors for 14 years. She was the Labor Day Festival Carnival chair for 18 years. J was on the Project Design Committee for Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) and became a charter member and officer.

J has honed her leadership skills and expanded her experience and effectiveness by serving tirelessly in many roles. As mayor, J was the council’s representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) board of directors. In 2005, she was elected chair of its board and, in 2010, was its corporate president. J is a member of COG’s Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee, on which she has served since its inception. Since 2005, J has been appointed to the National League of Cities’ Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee. With her focus on environmental issues, J has brought back innovative ideas and best practices to be incorporated by the city. To ensure that Greenbelt remains aware of what is going on in Annapolis, J has served many years on legislative committees.

J served as president of the Maryland Municipal League after 11 terms on its board of directors. She is a past president of the Maryland Mayors Association, the Prince George’s County Municipal Association and the Prince George’s Elected Municipal Women. J strongly advocates Greenbelt’s positions at all governmental levels.

In 2011, Davis was presented COG’s highest honor, the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award. For her environmental work, J was given the Greenbelt Green Man Award in 2010.

J actively supports many Greenbelt organizations, including Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Lions and Greenbelt’s American Legion Auxiliary.

An educator for 35 years, J retired in 1999. J enjoys traveling with her significant other, her sister and her niece.



Judith Davis

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attendees. In their memo, Phelan and Liggins said that coordinating regular food truck events would require a significant time commitment from staff that would be difficult to absorb. County regulations require a food truck hub coordinator to be present at every food truck hub event. Staff would be required to handle tasks such as event logistics, permits, marketing, traffic control, trash cleanup and more. For future events, Phelan and Liggins supported consideration of a model similar to the Labor Day Festival where a community group would handle the coordination of food truck events.

Liggins also offered assistance to community groups wanting to host food truck events and to Greenbelters wishing to become registered food truck vendors, as required under county regulations.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan argued that the city should first identify and obtain authorization from the county for locations of possible food truck events. However, Liggins noted that under county regulations, the city could not just identify a site. At least two registered food truck vendors would have to be identified to obtain authorization.

Councilmember Silke Pope, declaring she loves food trucks, said that a hub is not the best approach for the city. It needs the flexibility to hold events in different locations. Councilmember Edward Putens called for at least three events as he did not think a one-time event would make money for the vendors.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted that the vendors are in business to make a living and that council should be working to make it possible for a food truck to come to Greenbelt wherever they want to operate. The opera-

tors, he said, have a better idea than the city as to where they can make money. Roberts argued that the city should be pressing the county to relax its food truck regulations. Several other councilmembers voiced support for this.

The actual item on the agenda, added by Mayor Colin Byrd, was to direct staff to establish a weekly food truck night at a city park and to coordinate and facilitate including food trucks as part of upcoming events such as July Fourth, Black History Month, Fall Fest, the annual egg hunt, Greenbelt Day, Gobble Wobble and the Winter Lights Festival. During discussion of the staff report, it became clear that there was little support for this ambitious proposal and Byrd did not make his motion.

Financial Policies

Following discussion at several worksessions, council adopted on a 6 to 1 vote, with Byrd opposed, a set of financial policies designed to help the city obtain a good credit rating should it decide to issue bonds to finance its growing list of capital needs.

These policies require the city to maintain reserves of 18 to 20 percent, divided between a rainy-day fund of 15 percent of general fund expenditures and a budget stabilization fund of 3 to 5 percent. Approval from a supermajority of council would be required to allow the rainy-day fund to fall below 15 percent. The adopted budget for the current fiscal year falls slightly below the adopted limits with reserves of 16.5 percent.

The adopted policies would also require that the city limit borrowing to no more than 3 percent of total assessed valuation, debt service to no more than 12 percent of general fund expenditures and limit debt service plus pensions and other post-employment benefits to no more than 25 percent of general fund expenditures. The city is currently well below these limits.

Byrd worried that the policies would limit the city’s ability to use reserves to meet obligations

such as paying staff. He pointed out that the city had often operated with much lower reserves than the new policies would allow. Roberts cautioned that the city should not use reserves to pay ongoing costs such as salaries. However, Roberts was concerned that council could be moving toward taking on too much debt with the new metrics. Putens pointed out that the ability to issue bonds would provide the city with greater flexibility to finance needed projects.

City Manager Nicole Ard reminded council that when the city operated with lower reserves it sometimes had to take out tax anticipation loans to pay staff and meet its obligations. “That is not something you want to do,” she said.

Other Actions

On a 6 to 1 vote with Roberts opposed, council approved the city clerk’s proposal for campaign signs on public property. Since 1991, council has established locations throughout the city where it posts campaign signs from council candidates. To participate, candidates must agree not to place signs in residential yards. Signs will be posted by city staff, not the candidates, with sign placement determined by lottery.

Byrd issued proclamations declaring Saturday, September 25, as Public Lands Day and September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Greenbelt.

INTRO TO ANIMATION CLASS

Registration is still open for

Rec Dept Class 447601-1

meeting Sep 21-11/23 at GATE

See the FALL Recreation GUIDE

for detailed info.

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September 10 - 19, 2021



SHL Rec Basketball Team Coach Herb Allen Retires

by René Sewell-Raysor

There is a song lyric that says, it’s so hard to say goodbye to yesterday, but not in the case of Coach Herb Allen, center leader at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC). Coach Herb has decided to hang up his gym shoes and put the last ball back into the basketball rack, for now.

Coach Herb shakes his head in disbelief as he looks back over his 45-year career – 21 years at SHLRC. He started learning how to coach after stints at Prince George’s County Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs and coaching women’s basketball. A chance meeting with Brian Butler, recreation coordinator at SHLRC, led to a job offer in 2000.

Like many coaches, Coach Herb had his eye on coaching at the professional level. When asked why he didn’t move up the coaching ladder he reflects, “I like dealing with people. I like talking to young people and guiding them in the right way.” He also sees it as part of his ministry. “I want to teach the youth how to be a better person and how to cope with different situations.” Coach Herb is also an ordained minister.

He saw few recreational basketball opportunities for women in their post-high school or college years. An opportunity came when Reverend Greg Carter recruited Coach Herb to help put together a women’s team in 2009. That same year, the Greenbelt Lady Angels were born. With just a few months of playing together,



Coach Herb Allen

PHOTO BY BILL AGBODJOGBE

the team went to Canada for the nationals and came home with a First-Place trophy. Just to prove it wasn’t a fluke, they three-peated, winning for the next two years.

Asked what is the difference in coaching men and women, Coach Herb says, “[In my experience] the difference in coaching men and women is that women, especially those who played college ball, play more fundamental ball; they play one-on-one, and they play team ball.”

When Butler and Frank Jones, another recreation coordinator at Springhill Lake, were asked what they would both miss with Coach Herb’s retirement they finished each other’s thoughts. “That grandpop wisdom,” Jones said; “having an elder who could give perspective in dealing with children and adults.” Butler added, “He didn’t react, he responded.”

After retirement, Coach Herb sees himself spending more time at church and in ministry and continuing to volunteer as a coach for Ladies Night Basketball.

PSAC Files Formal Letter Of Complaint about Mayor

by Amy Hansen

During the September 13 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, the council-appointed Public Safety Advisory Committee filed a formal letter of complaint about Mayor Colin Byrd’s characterization of their committee as not being diverse enough or transparent enough in their work. The News Review reviewed the recording of the July 14 worksession and heard the statements specified in the letter.

The letter, which was accepted in the consent agenda and not commented on publicly, says: “As the City of Greenbelt’s Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), we submit this report to express how profoundly disheartened and appalled we are by Mayor Byrd’s comments about our committee members’ race, age and participation during the July 14, 2021, council worksession. At that worksession PSAC representatives outlined the recommendations for reform of police procedures for the Greenbelt Police Department (GPD) as delineated in its May 5 written report to the council. The recommendations were developed in response to a council referral for PSAC input on Mayor Byrd’s PowerPoint proposal for a local Fair and Just Policing Act.”

The letter, which is available online as part of the record of the September 13 meeting, objected specifically to Byrd asking if the committee matched the racial demographics of the city, and when told they did (the committee has four White members and three Black members), he asked if any young African American males were on the committee.

“Implying,” according to the letter, “that only persons of that race, gender and generation could possibly understand police deficiencies.”

PSAC also objected to Byrd claiming that the committee had been dominated by non-Black committee members. The Black members of the committee, as well as the committee as a whole, denied this accusation.

Council as a whole, and Byrd specifically, have thanked the committee for their work both at the July 14 meeting and since. Byrd has used many of the suggestions from the PSAC report submitted to council on September 13.

To listen to the council meeting or to view this letter, go to greenbeltmd.gov and click on the Municipal Access TV button, which will bring up a list of city council meetings and worksessions. Select the agenda packet for the September 13 meeting to view the letter.

HUG WALK Returns

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 10, rain or shine.

Walk Schedule

The walk begins in Greenbelt Station. 1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk step-off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Parking will be available at Beltway Plaza in the lot behind the mall, next to the Shell station on Cherrywood Lane. The Greenbelt Connection will provide shuttle service from each of the join-in locations as needed. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at each join-in location for the St. Hugh’s Food Pantry. Walkers will need to adhere to local Covid-19 guidelines in place at the time of the event.

The walk currently has about 60 co-sponsors – individuals and social, civic and religious organizations – many of whom will have informational tables at the end of the walk.

For more information, contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.

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Greenbelt Elementary Beautification Day



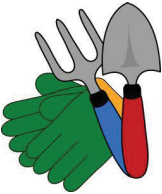
Two young workers move and spread mulch at the clean-up on Saturday, September 18.



A helper hefts a full shovel of mulch.



Gloria Rytting holds a found bird nest.



- Photos by Monica Lathan Dye



The "littlest digger" at the GES clean-up prepares to shovel mulch.



Alex Dye moves a mountain of mulch and spreads it over the gardens.



Maren and Jessica O'Roark smile as they weed.

Weed Warriors



From left, Damilola Folorunso, Deb Daniel and Ayda Girma help to remove invasives and plant native species during the Weed Warriors clean-up at the Firefly Sanctuary on Saturday, September 25.



New Greenbelt residents Damien Singelmann and Margo Harvey (background) help with the clean-up.



Karleigh Samuels, front, and Eric McKenzie

- Photos by Jon Gardner



City Council Candidate Forum

Greenbelt Homes Inc. is hosting a virtual City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates as well as hear their thoughts on issues that are important to GHI members and our fellow neighbors. We are inviting residents to provide questions for consideration which may be asked during the forum. Please submit them to vicepresident@ghi.coop by October 8th. This event is sponsored by GHI with broadcasting support from Greenbelt Access Television (GATE).

Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online or by phone on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving communication or leadership skills. Find details for participating remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

County Has Rent Help

Prince George's County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit hcd.mypgc.us and click on "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."

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The logo for Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, featuring a stylized tree and the text "Greenbelt Federal Credit Union".

October 15th
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Deadline



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Firearm Discharge
September 18, 10:46 p.m., 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace. A firearm was accidentally discharged while being cleaned and the bullet entered a neighbor's apartment. No one was injured.

Armed Robbery
September 23, 8:50 p.m., 6000 block of Springhill Drive. A person was approached by a group of three or four men, two of whom were armed with handguns, and demanded the person's personal property. The owner of the property was not injured.

Theft
September 16, 9:57 a.m., 7525 Greenway Center Drive. A man left his wallet in his office and when he returned it was gone. Credit cards from it were then fraudulently used at various businesses.

September 18, 12:42 p.m., 6021 Springhill Drive. A red tricycle was taken.

September 21, 8:24 p.m., 9121 Springhill Lane. A man reported his personal items had been stolen by a person known to him.

Vandalism
September 16, 5:28 a.m., 7415 Greenbelt Road. A man reported his combination lock was taken at LA Fitness but none of his personal items were taken.

September 21, 6 a.m., 6021 Springhill Drive. A woman woke up and found a rock on the floor and a broken window.

September 21, 2:06 p.m., 6 Parkway. Graffiti was painted on an underpass. The Public

Works Department was notified it needed removal.

Vehicle Crime
Four vehicles were stolen. A 2020 metallic Blue Dodge Challenger Hellcat was stolen from the 400 block of Ridge Road. A 1997 Dodge Grand Caravan with Maryland tags 180Z00 was taken from 6000 Greenbelt Road. Two cars were stolen from Edmonston Road, a black 2014 Lexus ES 350 with temporary Maryland tags 2CH1756 from the 9300 block and a 2013 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags 5ED3741 from the 9200 block.

A handicap placard was taken after the driver's side window at 5801 Cherrywood Terrace was broken to gain access. A woman reported that her purse was missing from her vehicle at 8100 Lakecrest Drive.

Virginia temporary tag REG M96273 was taken from 9102 Edmonston Road.

Rims and tires were stolen from a white Honda Accord at 60 Crescent Road and tires were stolen from a silver Honda Accord at the 200 block of Lastner Lane. All four tires on a vehicle at 8005 Mandan Road were slashed.

Police Station Drop Box Is Closed Temporarily

The prescription drug drop box at the Greenbelt Police Station is closed until further notice. There is a drug drop box at the CVS Pharmacy, 7607 Greenbelt Road, by Greenway Center.

Free Monday Matinee At Old Greenbelt Theatre

The Old Greenbelt Theatre will show Top Hat at the free Monday Matinee on October 4 at 1 p.m. The audience is limited to 75 people; proof of vaccination is required. Tickets may be reserved online only at greenbelttheatre.org.

Urban Wildlife Day At Patuxent Refuge

Urban Wildlife Conservation Day will be celebrated at the Patuxent Research Refuge on Saturday, October 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring socially-distanced activities around the Visitor Center and other points of interest.

Visitors can enjoy bird of prey demonstrations, scavenger hunts, chalk art, hiking, biking, even a free kayak lesson. Many additional skill building activities will be available from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, call 301-497-5887.

Hyattsville Exhibit Features Hispanic Art

The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, has announced a variety of programs available this fall at Publick Playhouse in Hyattsville.

Through October 28, an art exhibit featuring artists María Luisa Benavides and María Brito celebrates Hispanic heritage and culture. Benavides, also known as Maripi, is inspired by the biodiversity and culture of her home country, Costa Rica. She creates colorful paintings, often in mandala forms, that feature vivid color and intricate designs. Brito is a painter who is inspired by the vitality of plants and living nature, often recalled from her home country of Venezuela. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bird Advisories Now Lifted But Disease Not Identified

In May through July of 2021, there were numerous reports of dead and dying birds – mostly young grackles, blue jays, starlings and robins – in Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia and other states in the Mid-Atlantic region. Because birds congregating at bird feeders or birdbaths can transmit diseases to one another, residents were advised to stop providing food or water to birds until the morbidity/mortality event had subsided. Cases are no longer being reported, so all affected states have now lifted their do-not-feed recommendations.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources lifted its advisory in August but asks that residents who resume feeding birds and providing water in birdbaths remain vigilant and take care to clean feeders and birdbaths regularly (see news.maryland.gov/dnr/2021/07/02/bird-illness-investigation-continues-in-several-states). Additional observations of sick or dying birds, particularly any with crusty eyes or neurological symptoms such as tremors or partial paralysis, should be reported to the Maryland DNR/USDA Wildlife Services Call Center at 1-877-463-6497.

The cause of the disease and how it is transmitted are still not known. Several laboratories have been involved in the test-

ing, including the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center, the University of Georgia Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, the University of Pennsylvania Wildlife Futures Program and the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. To date, tests have not found bird pathogens such as West Nile and other flaviviruses, herpesviruses and poxviruses, salmonella and other bacterial infections, avian influenza virus or Trichomonas parasites, among others. Additional diagnostic tests are underway.

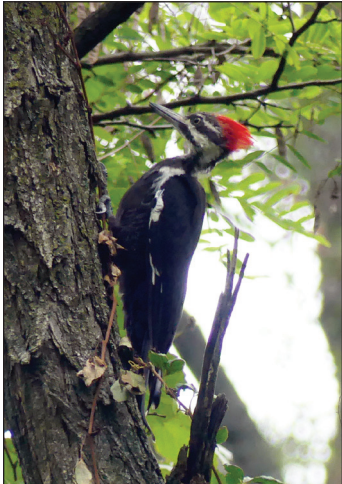


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GHI Board of Directors Seeks to Fill Vacant Board Member Position

Chris Carbone resigned from the GHI Board of Directors with effect from September 24, 2021. He served as an Audit Committee member during 2020-21 and was elected to the Board last May. We thank him for his contributions to GHI.

The Board proposes to fill the vacant position in accordance with Article V. Directors §3. Vacancies of the GHI Bylaws which state as follows:

- Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining membership of the Board, after notice of the vacancies is publicized by the Board of Directors and a two-week period is provided for submission of suggested names of candidates to the Board.
- If a vacancy on the Board shall occur, the Board shall, by a plurality of fifty percent or more of the remaining directors of the Corporation, name a member of the Corporation to fill the vacant directorship until the next regular annual meeting of the members.

The Powers and Duties of the GHI Board of Directors are specified in the GHI bylaws and can be seen at <https://www.ghi.coop/content/v-directors>. GHI members who are interested in being considered for the position should inform GHI's Management Office, no later than **Tuesday October 12, 2021**. This can be done either by submitting your names in **writing** via e-mail to mgmtoffice@ghi.coop, by regular mail or in person to Altoria Ross at GHI's Management Office, 1 Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, October 7, 2021

A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)

- Contract for Fall Concrete Repairs - 2nd reading
- Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on September 2, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Informal Hearing Held on August 19, 2021
- Request for an Exception to Allow the Buyers of a Unit to Assume Responsibility for Pre-sale Repairs
- Complaint Matters
- Financial Matters

B. GHI Open Meeting begins at 7.45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)

- Consider Approval of Addendum for Trust Ownership and Trustee's Affidavit for a GHI Unit
- Statements re: Closed Meetings Held on September 26 and October 7, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 2, 2021
- LGAC Recommendation re: GHI Contribution to CAI's Maryland Legislative Action Committee
- Transition Task Force/Member Engagement Workgroup Proposal to Conduct a Membership Survey
- Proposed Agenda Topics for the Proposed Membership Townhall Meeting on December 5, 2021
- Staff Report on the 2021 Exteriors and Yard Inspection Program
- Discuss Next Steps re: Proposed Solar PVES Pre-paid Power Purchase Agreement
- Task Force Report re: Policy to Mitigate Liability Associated with Outdoor Structures
- Final Report from the Permits Task Force
- Stormwater Management Task Force Summary Report – January 2020 through June 2021
- Designate the Stormwater Task Force as a Sub-committee of the Buildings Committee
- Woodlands Committee Request for Additional Funds for Acquiring Native Plants This Fall
- Possible Meeting Dates with the City of Greenbelt to Discuss a Response to WSSC
- Review Status of the 2021-2022 Board Action Plan
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on October 21, 2021

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on October 7, 2021, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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volksmarching and about this particular walk as I talked to them. They explained that Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers hold these formal walks on the third Wednesday of the month, May through September. They typically get 20 or so people coming in for these evening walks, with folks regularly traveling from as far as Hagerstown, Md. and York, Pa., to participate.

During these events people sign in, pay three dollars (which covers insurance, water, printing costs, etc.) and head off on their own to walk the route, which Yvonne and Pat map out in advance and provide printed directions to each of the walkers. Signs are posted along the route, with blue-and-yellow chalk marks on the sidewalk to indicate turns.

Although these are not typically guided walks, Pat accompanied me on mine, which proved to be even better than anticipated. For one thing, I definitely would have gotten lost without her, in no small part because everything, including the directions, fell out of my pockets as we walked, something I only noticed because Pat trailed along after me picking up my detritus from time to time. Most importantly, however, it turned out Pat is my sister of the Commonwealth, having immigrated to the United States from England in the 1960s while I immigrated here from Canada not so many years ago.

As it turns out, Pat knows a lot about Greenbelt. I like to think I've walked through a lot of town but the path created by Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers for this evening walk took me through paths I had never before seen, including behind the first townhome occupied in the new town of Greenbelt back in 1937. I had no idea there was such a thing, although of course there must be, and the house – on Gardenway – even has a plaque that commemorates its accomplishment. Pat and I took a selfie by it to commemorate our accomplishment.

I loved talking to Pat. I learned about volksmarching, how American soldiers brought it back to the United States when they returned from the war, how there are branches across the country and around the world. I learned that the Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers will celebrate their 35th anniversary at the Labor Day Festival next year. I learned that Pat kayaks on the Potomac River. I learned that Pat should probably be my new best friend and I learned that I really, really do like to walk.

Although the formal evening walks are done now until next May, Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers still have events going on throughout the winter. They are supporting the HUG Walk around Greenbelt on October 10 and are supporting a Scottish festival in Alexandria in December. They also have mapped routes to walk on your own at any time

of year – you can get some that take you around Greenbelt from the Aquatic Center office, some from the pilot's lounge at College Park Airport that take you around that area and some you can find online (go to ava.org, click on events and enter in Greenbelt).

And, in case it is not obvious, Pat is lovely. If you need a reason to join Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers and you're not really sure what it has to offer you – other than beautiful walks through parts of town you have never seen before and the chance to collect little stamps in an official American Volkssport Association Distance Book – consider it your chance to get to know Pat and Yvonne. I can't think of more delightful people to walk around town with, I promise you that. And you may learn something about Greenbelt.

Learn more about the American Volkssport Association by visiting ava.org. To learn about events around the state, visit mdvolks.org. To connect with Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers, email Greenbeltmva@gmail.com.



Kyla, right, and Pat take a selfie by the first townhome occupied in the new town of Greenbelt back in 1937, on Gardenway.

Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers mark the sidewalk with chalk and use flags and ribbons to guide walkers. 5k walkers follow the blue, 10k walkers the yellow markers.



Pat Astill, left, and Yvonne Pennington welcome walkers to the Greater Greenbelt Volksmarchers evening event.

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Blues Festival Brings Happy, Boisterous, Dancing Crowd

by Melissa Sites

With beautiful fall weather and classic blues performances from a heaping handful of the area’s favorite bands, the 18th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival delivered a first-rate experience this past Saturday to Greenbelters hungry for live music.

Eager concertgoers flocked to Roosevelt Center, with at least 200 onlookers celebrating the outdoor event. Couples dancing and others relaxing, people with their dogs, gentlemen sporting hats and fancy shoes, and Greenbelters in tie-dye completed the picture of a rockin’ Roosevelt Center festival. Attendees brought their own chairs and kicked back, filling the Center while leaving enough room to prevent the place from feeling too crowded. With extra picnic tables positioned around the Center, there was plenty of well-spaced seating, allowing the crowd to thin out to people’s own comfort level. Many attendees were masked and all seemed happy to be there, with loud cheers between songs and dancers enjoying the area in front of the stage. One couple even danced with their happy and well-trained white standard poodle.

The long lineup of bands played from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., including the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Ensemble, Dar Stellabotta, Dirty Soul, Honest Lee Soul, Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes, Linwood Taylor Band, Skyla Burrell Band and The Nighthawks celebrating their 50th year in business. This amazingly successful event was produced by the New Deal Café with support from Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), the City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy, East Coast Drums, BluesinMD and Soundscapes DC.

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (AEBHF) gave away CDs and sold T-shirts promoting their Hyattsville-based nonprofit. “We’ve had concerts scheduled but had to cancel many,” Willie Leebel reported of the AEBHF. Coming to the Blues Festival was a relief after the scheduling heartaches many performers have faced during the pandemic.

Roosevelt Center restaurants reveled in steady business all day. “We had lines out both doors,” the New Deal Café reported. “It was like old times, with the New Deal serving beer, wine and a full menu for dinner.” Co-op Manager Dan Gillotte led the Café and Co-op staff and manned the orders and cash register all day. Joe Natoli saw strong business from early in the day at Generous Joe’s, while Chef Karim at Cedars of Lebanon said it was a very good day, and he’s looking forward to the Crazy Quilt Festival coming on October 9.

Admission to Roosevelt Center was, of course, free. Listeners were requested to tip the musicians by dropping money in buckets that were passed around. Greenbelt resident Leon Swain noted of the excellent event, “It doesn’t get much better than that.”



Linwood Taylor plays some blistering blues at the Greenbelt Blues Festival on Saturday, September 25.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. STEWART



Skyla Burrell wails on some soulful blues under the watchful eye of our Mother and Child.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. STEWART



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

People enjoy the 18th annual Greenbelt Blues Festival in Roosevelt Center. The Festival is produced by the New Deal Café with support from Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy, and others.



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